

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 725

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Springfield Yellow Jackets, runners up in the Class 4A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing an athletic team that embraced its role as an underdog this year to achieve phenomenal success and record 11 total victories; and

WHEREAS, 5-1 in region play and 7-3 overall during the regular season, the Springfield Yellow Jackets finished second in Region 5 to advance to the TSSAA playoffs; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Jackets then proceeded to sting Hardin County, Lexington, Jackson South Side, and Haywood to reach the championship game; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding team continued a tradition of excellence in football, as Springfield reached the TSSAA quarterfinals in both 2015 and 2016 and won the State Championship in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Springfield has been fortunate to have the leadership and expertise of Coach Dustin Wilson since 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Jackets' brand new football field for 2017 inspired a sense of pride in the players, and the community embraced this excitement as well; and

WHEREAS, Springfield was led by a group of nineteen seniors who were as close as brothers and played their positions to the best of their abilities without striving for individual glory or complaining; and

WHEREAS, the individual players on the Yellow Jackets played for each other instead of themselves and thus attained the truest definition of "team"; and

WHEREAS, the young men of the Springfield High School football team truly epitomize the finest qualities of the student athlete and are outstanding representatives of Tennessee's youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Coach Dustin Wilson and the Springfield Yellow Jackets, runners up in the Class 4A State Football Championship, pay tribute to their exemplary gridiron season, and wish them all the best in the future, both on the field and in life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.